

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

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- 2. <u>Engagement</u>. Company hereby engages Contractor as, and Contractor hereby agrees to act as, an independent contractor throughout the term of this Agreement.
- Services Services. Contractor shall faithfully and diligently provide to Company the Services set forth in Exhibit A and as directed by Company from time to time. Contractor shall perform the Services in conformity with all legal, professional, and ethical standards and requirements imposed upon persons engaged in the business of providing the Services or similar services in any state in with jurisdiction over Contractor. Additional terms and conditions regarding the Services are provided in Exhibit B.
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independent contractor status, Company will not withhold from Contractor's compensation or contribute any amount on behalf of Contractor for any taxes or insurance, including without limitation, social security taxes, unemployment insurance compensation, worker's compensation insurance, liability insurance, federal or state income tax withholding, or any other payments, withholdings, taxes or any similar items (collectively, "Taxes and Insurances"). Contractor is responsible for its own payments and contributions for Taxes and Insurances and all other payments required of Contractor as an independent contractor (collectively, "Contractor's Obligations"). Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Company, its owners, employees, attorneys, agents, and other independent contractors, from any and all liability and loss related to or arising from Contractor's Obligations, including without limitation any demand for payment or punitive assessment arising from Contractor's failure to comply with those State and/or Federal laws, rules, and regulations concerning the characterization, withholding, and/or reporting of payments received by Contractor from Company.

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- 9. Representations and Warranties. Contractor represents, warrants and covenants to Company that: (a) Contractor is duly qualified and licensed to perform the Services in any state in which it will perform the Services; (b) all information provided by Contractor to Company or Clients in connection with the performance of the Services will be true, accurate, and correct; (c) this Agreement will not cause or require Contractor to breach any obligation to, or agreement or confidence with, any other person; (d) Contractor has all insurances required by and contemplated by this Agreement or will promptly obtain such insurances before commencing the Services; and (e) Contractor's tax reporting procedures, including without limitation the withholding and payment of income and payroll taxes and filing of all informational and payroll tax returns, are and will remain in compliance with applicable law pertaining to Contractor and independent contractors in general.

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- Detween the parties to this Agreement with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement, is intended as a final expression of the parties' agreement with respect to such terms as are included in this Agreement, is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of such agreement, and supersedes all negotiations, understandings, agreements, representations, and warranties, if any, with respect to such subject matter, which precede or accompany the execution of this Agreement.
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- 23. Successors in Interest and Assigns. Contractor will not assign or delegate to any other person this Agreement or any rights or obligations under this Agreement. Subject to this restriction on transferability, this Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors in interest and assigns of each party to this Agreement.
- 24. Notices. All notices or other communications required or permitted to be given to a party to this Agreement shall be in writing and personally delivered, sent by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or sent by an overnight express courier service that provides written confirmation of delivery, to such party at its address as set forth at the signature and Exhibit A of this Agreement. Each notice or other communication will be deemed given, delivered and received upon its actual receipt, except that if it is sent by mail in accordance with this Section, then it will be deemed given, delivered and received three days after the date the notice or other communication is deposited with the United States Postal Service in accordance with this Section. Either party to this Agreement may give a notice of a change of its address to the other party to this Agreement.
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Company:

PDJ Investigations

PO Box 788

Granbury, TX 76048

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Patrick Baird, Vice - President

Shelley Hornes

Contractor:

Effective Date: July 15th, 2004
Contractor (name and address): Shelley Horner
P.O. Box 2521
Layside ms 38780
Services (Section 3): Telephone Investigations
Compensation (Section 5): ON FILE

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PDJ Investigations

PO Bdx 788 Granbury, TX 7604

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Contractor:

Exhibit A

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Effective Date: 7/20/0)4
Contractor (name and address):	Christopher GORMAN 3201 W-Wallque que
Services (Section 3):	19mps 719 33611 813-902-0265 Olb/19 Dick Source

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- 9. Representations and Warranties. Contractor represents, warrants and covenants to Company that: (a) Contractor is duly qualified and licensed to perform the Services in any state in which it will perform the Services; (b) all information provided by Contractor to Company or Clients in connection with the performance of the Services will be true, accurate, and correct; (c) this Agreement will not cause or require Contractor to breach any obligation to, or agreement or confidence with, any other person; (d) Contractor has all insurances required by and contemplated by this Agreement or will promptly obtain such insurances before commencing the Services; and (e) Contractor's tax reporting procedures, including without limitation the withholding and payment of income and payroll taxes and filing of all informational and payroll tax returns, are and will remain in compliance with applicable law pertaining to Contractor and independent contractors in general.

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Company:

PDJ Investigations

PO Box 788

Granbury, VX 76048

By:

Patrick Baird, Vice - President

Contractor:

Universal Communications Company

2641 North Taft Avenue Loveland, 60 80538

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James E. Welker, President

Contractor:

Exhibit A

Effective Date: July 20, 2004

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Universal Communications Company

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Loveland, Colorado 80538

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PDJ Investigations PO Box 788 Granbury, TX 76048

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By: Patrick Baird, Vice - President

Contractor:

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Exhibit A

Effective Date:	
Contractor (name and address):	JGJ + A SSOCIATES TAMES JOHNSTON
	5643 BAGIESTON DR Olive BRANCH MS 3865
Services (Section 3):	Telephonic Investigations

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By: Patrick Baird, Vice - President

Contractor:

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Exhibit A

Effective Date:	
Contractor (name and address):	Stephen Macker 132 Chatter Ave Syracuse, My 13207
Services (Section 3):	

Compensation (Section 5):	

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

This Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into effective as of the date set forth in Exhibit A (the "Effective Date"), by and between PDJ Investigations, a Texas corporation ("Company"), and the individual identified in Exhibit A ("Contractor"), who agree as follows:

Recitals. This Agreement is made with reference to the following recital of essential facts:

- 1.1. Company is in the business of obtaining information inquiries ("Inquiries") from clients ("Clients") and engaging private investigators to obtain information in response to Inquiries. Inquiries may relate to information about the Client or third parties ("Subjects").
- 1.2. Company contemplates engaging Contractor as an independent contractor to provide private investigation services (the "Services") to Company.
- 1.3. Contractor wishes to perform private investigation services as an independent contractor on the terms set forth in this Agreement.

Engagement. Company hereby engages Contractor as, and Contractor hereby agrees to act as, an independent contractor throughout the term of this Agreement.

Services. Contractor shall faithfully and diligently provide to Company the Services set forth in Exhibit A and as directed by Company from time to time. Contractor shall perform the Services in conformity with all legal, professional, and ethical standards and requirements imposed upon persons engaged in the business of providing the Services or similar services in any state in with jurisdiction over Contractor. Additional terms and conditions regarding the Services are provided in Exhibit B.

Term. This Agreement commences upon the Effective Date and will terminate immediately upon written termination notice ("Termination Notice"). Termination Notice may be given by Company or Contractor at any time and at either party's sole discretion, with or without cause.

5. <u>Compensation.</u>

Rate. Contractor shall be compensated as set forth on Exhibit B.

Billing. Contractor shall submit to Company an invoice with a separate entry for each matter which was concluded during the previous week. Each entry shall indicate the search type, referenced number/invoice number, and the total charge. Contractor shall pay an invoice within thirty (10) days of its receipt. Contractor will not be entitled to any other compensation or benefits.

Withholding and Indemnification. Consistent with Contractor's independent contractor status, Company will not withhold from Contractor's compensation

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